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SUBJECT: ELN FRONT BLASTS CRUDE-OIL PIPELINE AGAIN
REF: A) BOGOTA 18090, B) BOGOTA 17987

1. (U) GUERRILLAS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY'S (ELN) CAMILO TORRES RESTREPO FRONT AGAIN SABOTAGED ECOPETROL'S CANO LIMON-COVENAS CRUDE-OIL PIPELINE DECEMBER 4, THIS TIME IN PAILITAS, CESAR DEPARTMENT, CAUSING THE LOSS OF 4,000 BARRELS OF CRUDE AND FORCING A HALT IN PUMPING.

2. (U) THE CAMILO TORRES RESTREPO FRONT HAS BEEN

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PARTICULARLY ACTIVE LATELY, BLEWING UP THE PIPELINE AT PELAYA, CESAR, NOVEMBER 20 (REFTEL B) AND KIDNAPPING 11 PAILITAS CITY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR, BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20-26 (REFTEL A).

3. (C) COMMENT: THIS ELN FRONT'S RECENT ACTIONS FIT WELL THE ELN'S OBJECTIVE OF ONE DAY TAKING POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONTROL OF THE CORRIDOR STRETCHING WEST FROM ARAUCA TO THE GULF OF URABA, AS WELL AS INTO THE GUERRILLA COORDINATING BOARD'S REPORTED PLAN TO INCREASE THE TEMPO OF THEIR TERRORISM DURING THE DECEMBER-JANUARY RECESS IN THE PEACE TALKS, WITH TWO OF THE FOCUSES REPORTEDLY BEING ABDUCTIONS OF POLITICAL LEADERS AND SABOTAGE OF ECOPETROL'S CRUDE-OIL PIPELINES. END COMMENT.

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